

NOTICE OF WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES OF OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES

Opportunity to Participate: Researchers within the National Risk Management Research Laboratory (NRMRL) may be willing and available to participate with an eligible institution to prepare a joint assistance application in response to a Request for Application (RFA) issued by another federal agency.

Limitations:

- 1) The funding agency must have the necessary statutory authority to award a grant or cooperative agreement to EPA before EPA can apply for grant or cooperative agreement funding. Not all agencies have this authority. If the funding agency does not have statutory authority to award a grant or cooperative agreement to EPA, it might be willing to fund EPA under an interagency agreement (IAG). A NRMRL researcher would be required to ascertain that the authority exists for the funding agency to award a grant or cooperative agreement to EPA or would be willing to make the award to EPA by an IAG before considering a request to participate.
- 2) The funding opportunity must relate to the Office of Research and Development's strategic goals and complement NRMRL's in-house research. More information on the research focus of the NRMRL can be found on this website; in particular in the Section "Research Programs." More specific information about the research being conducted in the various NRMRL Divisions can be obtained by clicking on the links on the NRMRL Home Page, in particular "Organization."
- 3) ORD employees may not participate in preparation of an application to be submitted in response to an RFA issued by the EPA.

Eligibility Requirements:

Institutions eligible to participate are other federal agencies, U.S. non-profit public and private institutions of higher education, and their directly associated non-profit research entities, or other entities such as state and local governments, Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments, and U.S. territories or possessions. Profit-making organizations are ineligible.

Criteria for Participation:

The participating institution must be able to demonstrate the availability of research staff with appropriate scientific credentials, a history of successfully conducting research in the subject area of the RFA, the availability of facilities and related resources necessary to complete the research. For federal employees to participate, there must also be an absence of any actual or apparent conflict of interest, as well as an absence of any lack of impartiality, as defined by the Standards of Ethical Conduct.